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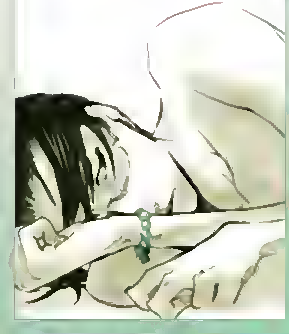

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我們曾經深愛過
COMICS NO 12
AKIRA/YUKIHISA
SHORT STORIES

Sayonara no Riyu

Reason for Goodbye

HOTARU ODAGIRI

TRANSFER
IS
Reason
For
Goodbye
THAT IS
MY FIRST TIME
TO BE SO IN LOVE
WITH SOMEONE
TONIGHT
AT 11 00
I'LL
BE WAITING
FOR YOU AT
THE SCHOOL
ENTRANCE

YES
HOLD ON! WHY? YUKIHISA!
DIDN'T THE SECOND SEMESTER JUST START?
WHEN ARE YOU LEAVING?
I WILL BE LEAVING IN TWO DAYS...
WHAT? IN TWO DAYS?

THERE OUGHT TO BE A FAREWELL PARTY
IS THAT TRUE? IT CAN'T BE
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US SOONER?
Clutter
You are not joking right?
Why all of a sudden
SLIDES

AKIRA
WHAT IS WRONG WITH AKIRA?
HE'S BEEN THE CLOSEST TO YUKIHISA ALL THIS TIME!
NOW THAT YUKIHISA IS LEAVING HE IS NOT AFFECTED AT ALL?
WE WERE TALKING SO LOUD THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE MISSED IT!
GEEZ!
YUKIHISA... YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE US EITHER, RIGHT?
EH
EH... RIGHT

YUKI -HISA ...
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE ...
THAT WAS MY PARENTS' DECISION
AL-THOUGH I REALLY DON'T WANT TO...
HMM WAAAH ORGH
WE DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO COME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE!
THE THOUGHT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE AGAIN...
THE DECISION OF GROWN UPS...

GLEAM
ARCHERY CLUB
Slide
babump
OH

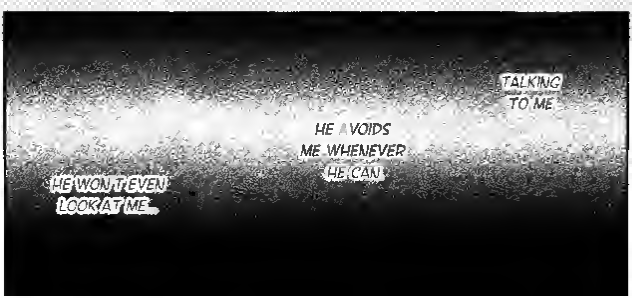
AKIRA
YUKIHISA
click
DIDN T YOU ALREADY STOP ATTENDING CLUB ACTIVITIES?

R RIGHT!
I'M JUST HERE TO PICK UP A FEW THINGS
IS THAT SO...
AKIRA
SENO !!?
Seno Yukihisa
I THOUGHT YOU WON'T BE COMING HERE ANYMORE !
Oh, Akira is here too?
COACH...
THEY SAID YOU WILL BE TRANS-FERRING. IS THAT RIGHT?

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T MENTION IT SOONER!?
SOR SORRY!
CALM DOWN, COACH!
The acclaimed beauty of your club!
Coach, get a hold of yourself!
AKIRA

STUDY IN THAT ALL BOYS SCHOOL!
BACK THEN WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM
EVENTUALLY, THEY FOUND OUT
WAS DISCOVERED BY MY PARENTS...
THIS LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN US

THEY WERE HORRIFIED AND FURIOUS...
THEY ORDERED ME TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A FAR AWAY SCHOOL, WANTING US TO BE PARTED INFINITELY.
THE NEXT MORNING AKIRA CAME TO CLASS WITH WOUNDS ON HIS FACE.
SINCE THEN HE STOPPED


TALKING TO ME
HE AVOIDS ME WHENEVER HE CAN.
HE WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME...

HE NO LONGER WANTS TO SEE ME
LIKE TODAY WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT MY TRANSFER
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE AT ALL...
AKIRA
COULD IT BE...
HE DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE?
A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF AN HONOR STUDENT
BESIDES BEING IN-TELLIGENT HE GOT APPOINTED AS THE CLASS REPRESENT-ATIVE AS WELL...
I CAN'T REALLY BLAME HIM THOUGH. HE GOT BEATEN UP SO BADLY
WE ARE TO BE PARTED NO MATTER WHAT
SO ENDING THINGS THIS WAY IS PROBABLY FOR THE BEST

Thunk

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME ALL THIS TIME
TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF
AND DO YOUR BEST AT THE NEW SCHOOL!
I'LL KEEP MY VISIT TO SENSEI
AND I HAVE TOLD MY CLASSMATES THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME TO SEE ME OFF TOMORROW...
OTHER THINGS... I WILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF...
AKIRA
I HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE NOW

I...
DO NOT REGRET MEETING YOU
I THINK I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU
BETTER GO NOW
SNIFFLES
AAZA
AH

Ra+tes
ARE YOU ALREADY DONE WITH PACKING, YUKIHISA?
HUH ?
AH YES

WHEN YOU FINALLY AGREED TO BE TRANS-FERRED
I WAS SO RELIEVED
SWITCH TO A NEW SCHOOL AND FORGET ABOUT ALL THE UNHAPPY INCIDENTS!
I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TO-MORROW
I WILL BE GOING TO BED NOW
CERTAINLY GOOD NIGHT THEN
closes
YUKIHISA

YUKIHISA, CAN YOU COME OUT TONIGHT?
AKIRA? WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
TONIGHT AT 11:00
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE
AKIRA...
badum
badum

SO MUCH
THERE IS SO MUCH THAT I WANT TO SAY TO HIM
CLICK!
I HAVE TO GO AND MEET AKIRA
HEY!

YEAH
...
WHEN I SEE THE SMILE ON HIS FACE...
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
ACTUALLY I HAVE A LOT TO SAY TO HIM
BUT THEN,
THEY DIDN'T NOTICE WHEN YOU CAME OUT RIGHT?
DON'T STARE AT ME LIKE THAT
I'LL FEEL EMBARR -ASSED
OH

SORRY...
MY CHEST
FEELS SO HOT
YUKIHISA WANT TO GO SWIMMING?
NO WAY!
IF SOMEONE CAUGHT US...
WHAT?
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT! NO ONE WILL BE AT THE POOL AT NIGHT. IT'S VERY COMFORTABLE!
YOU SURE?

THE MOON-LIGHT IS SO DREAMY...
WOW...
THE EMPTY SWIMMING POOL LOOKS SO COOL!
CAN I REALLY GO IN?
SURE
splash splash
.....
AWW! IT'S A BIT COLD
BUT IT FEELS SO NICE!

THE MOON
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
splash
laughs
IT'S NOT FULL MOON YET RIGHT?
WHEN WILL THAT BE?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NO-THING
SEEING THAT YOU ARE MORE CHEERFUL THAN I EXPECTED
I FEEL DELIGHTED THAT'S ALL
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SWIM TOO AKIRA?

THAT'S WHY HE ASKED ME OUT TO SWIM?
OH..
BECAUSE I WAS SO DEPRESSED
I AM TRYING MY BEST...
TO HAVE THIS IMAGE OF YUKIHISA BRANDED IN MY MIND
THOUGHT ABOUT BRINGING YOU ALONG
AND WE CAN ESCAPE TO A PLACE FAR, FAR AWAY
AKIRA...
I... EH..

THE GROWN-UPS ARE POWERFUL
SO POWERFUL THAT WE CHILDREN HAVE NO WAY TO FIGHT BACK
BUT THEN YOU ARE FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY
THEY SIMPLY WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND
THEN I FINALLY REALIZE THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HARD WE TRY
FROM THAT MOMENT ON,
I FORCED MYSELF TO STAY AWAY FROM YOU
HOWEVER, BY DOING THIS, I'VE HURT YOUR FEELINGS. I AM TRULY SORRY
I DECIDED TO PRETEND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP ENTIRELY

I DON'T
ON THIS VERY LAST NIGHT, I ONLY WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH YOU
I'VE ALREADY TRIED MY BEST
BUT TODAY ...ON THIS VERY NIGHT I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE...
AKIRA
WE
HAVE TO GROW UP FASTER!
EVER WANT TO GIVE UP ON YOU!
BE INDEPENDENT AND BE ABLE TO LIVE OUR OWN LIVES...
I DON'T KNOW WHEN WE SHALL MEET AGAIN BE IT IN 10 OR 20 YEARS...
BUT YUKIHISA, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO WAIT FOR ME...

I...
6
!?
YUKIHISA?
I...
I...
I LIKE AKIRA TOO.
YUKIHISA...

splash
COME HERE...
rustle
slides

I LOVE YOU YUKIHISA!
I LIKE
AKIRA...
WE...
POWER-LESS CHILD-REN...
BECAUSE OF THE GROWN-UPS BECAUSE OF WANTING TO BECOME GROWN-UPS
HOW MUCH MORE DO WE HAVE TO LOSE?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER?

ALTHOUGH WE ARE FAR APART...
AKIRA ...
IF WE
WE HAVE TO MEET AGAIN!
AND NOT KNOWING BETTER?
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S 10 OR 20 YEARS LATER...
BUT...
BUT WE...

ZAAA

SINCE WHEN
DID OUR SCHOOL HAVE GINKO?
YUKIHISA!
HEY YOU

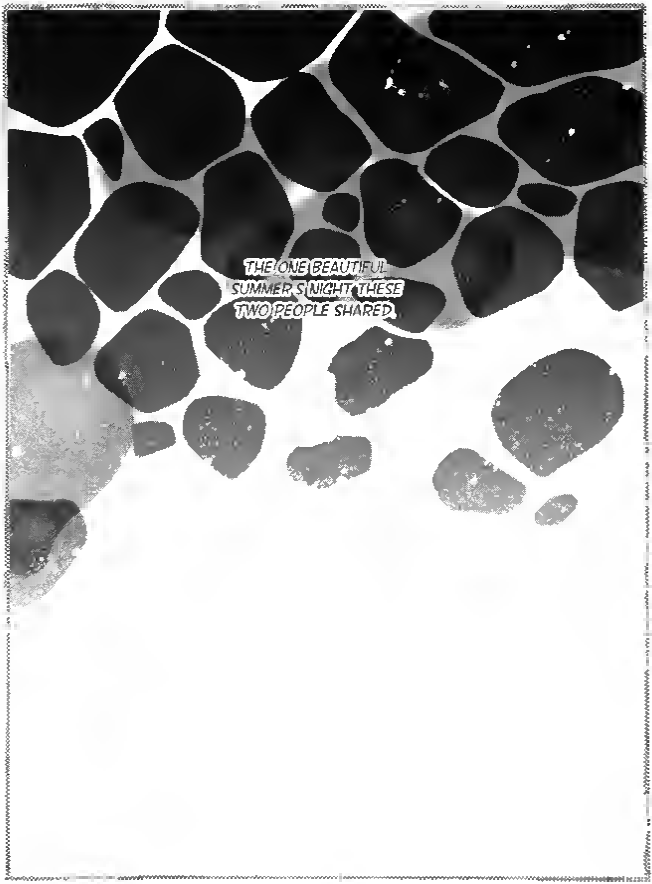
YEAH
RIGHT
YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO CALL ME SENO YUKIHISA SENSEI AT SCHOOL
RIGHT SURUGA AKIRA SENSEI?
IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL WE WENT TO
I'LL HAVE TO STAY AROUND AT THE ARCHERY CLUB FOR PRACTICES YOU'D PROBABLY WANT TO GO HOME FIRST
IT'LL BE SNOWING HEAVILY IN THE WINTER.
MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO PRACTICE SO I HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE TIME NOW
WE BOTH BECAME TEACHERS
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT DO YOUR BEST THEN!
WE FINALLY GOT TO MEET AGAIN
IT HAS BEEN 7 YEARS SINCE WE PARTED.
I FORGOT
IT'S OK
WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN EACH OTHER DURING THESE 7 YEARS

rustle
BE GOOD
AND WAIT FOR ME?

UNGA SEN-SEI!
YO! SURUGA AKIRA SENSEI!
WHERE ARE YOU?
I WILL WAIT FOR YOU.
Note: Unga means canal in Japanese and sounds very similar to Akira's last name
HEE HEE
HEY! AMEMIYA!
HOW DARE YOU MAKE FUN OF YOUR SENSEI'S LAST NAME?
WELL THEN, I'LL GO NOW
MY LOVER RUNS HIS FINGERS TENDERLY THROUGH MY HAIR

JUST LIKE BEFORE IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT
OKAY
YUKIHISA SENSEI HAS BEEN ADMIRED BY EVERYONE EVER SINCE WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL
REALLY ?
WHAT? YOU JUST NOTICED IT?
YUKIHISA SENSEI
HE IS SO PRETTY!

Sto? that cries? Is that how you talk to your sensei?
What... Who would go crazy for him? Stop that cries!
IT DOESN'T MATTER JUST TRY NOT TO GO CRAZY FOR HIM
IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS AN ALL BOYS SCHOOL BACK THEN?
I CAN UNDER-STAND THAT
IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO BECOME GROWN UPS
WHAT SHOULD I PREPARE FOR DINNER?
JUST HOW MUCH OF THEIR PRECIOUS CHILDHOOD SENTIMENTS WOULD BE LOST? AND AT WHAT COST TO THEIR DREAMS?
EVEN THOUGH...
IT STILL REMAINS IN MY HEART...


THE ONE BEAUTIFUL
SUMMER'S NIGHT THESE
TWO PEOPLE SHARED.

Snow
Snow
Melody
雪花的旋律

UNDER THE SNOW THAT NEVER STOPPED FALLING, HE KEPT SINGING
THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL, UNHEARD OF MELODY THAT DRIFTED THROUGH IN THE WIND
IT MADE MY HEART WARM TO THE THOUGHT OF IT
IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS NO GOD.
I WAS SOMEONE WHO HATED THIS
BUT ON THAT DAY, I BELIEVED IN MIRACLES.

CLICK
I'M NISHINA MUTSUKI (21). MY DREAM—
IS TO BE A SONGWRITER
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!
3 YEARS LATER
RIGHT NOW I'M CURRENTLY A PART TIMER AT A TELEVISION NETWORK,
WHILE STUDYING MUSIC AT UNIVERSITY.
GOOD MORNING! NISHINA MUTSUKI!
WELL THEN, WE'D LIKE YOU TO START ON THE WINDOWS OF THE LOUNGE TODAY!
SURE!
THIS STUDENT WORKER IS SO SPIRITED!
ALRIGHT, I'M OFF NOW!
Yes! Yes!
AND HE'S HARDWORKING TOO.
HE'S SUCH A GOOD BOY.

Right...right
IF ONLY HE WASN'T SO CLUMSY...
LIIIAAAAH
RATTLE
CLATTER CLATTER
CRASH
IT'S MY FAULT! WHY AM I SO CLUMSY
This is embarrassing
WIPE WIPE
Uh
I ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED IT OVER AGAIN...
WEEEZ
AH!
DAMN!
SO DIZZY...
CRASH
THAT HURTS!
WHAT THE HECK? IS THERE A WALL HERE?
URGH!

AH!
THANK YOU. I'M SO...
HERE.
Darn! GLASSES...
WHERE ARE MY GLASSES?
Where are they?
YOU CRASHED INTO ME!
SORRY
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HE KEEPS STARING AT KYOYA'S FACE!
Heh
Heh
Heh!
HE'S STUNNED
.....
THOSE GLASSES...
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HANDSOME FACE!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? SO BEAUTIFUL!

THERE'RE PEOPLE WHO STILL WEAR GLASSES AS THICK AS THE BOTTOM OF A MILK BOTTLE?
YEAH?
THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
BUT REALLY, THOSE GLASSES DON'T SUIT YOU!
CRA
CKED
WHAT AN ODD FACE YOU HAVE THERE...
SP
HEY!
I DON'T NEED SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW TO TELL ME WHAT I ALREADY KNEW!
ANYONE EVER TAUGHT YOU THAT IT'S REALLY RUDE TO CRITICIZE OTHER PEOPLE'S LOOKS OR FIGURE?

UWA HA HA
WA HA HA!
HE'S GOT GUTS! HE THREW THAT WIPECLOTH IN YOUR FACE!
IS THAT A WIPE-CLOTH?
BUT IT WAS KYOYA WHO STARTED IT.
How come you say things like that all of a sudden?
WHAT A JERK——!!
HOLD ON!
NISHINA MUTSUKI!
YES?
I WASN'T WRONG
HE'S QUITE A BEALITY, IT'S A PITY TO SEE HIM IN THOSE GLASSES.
WA HA HA!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT INSTEAD!
KOJI!
Stop it!
HOW COULD THAT GUY BE SO RUDE!
HE THINKS HE'S SO GOOD LOOKING?
Stuck up smile
YOU'VE GOT GUTS!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO "K-AREA" IS?
Totally Irrelevant

WHAT! IF YOU KNEW IT, THEN WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
THEY ARE THE HOTTEST BAND NOW, AND WHENEVER THEY HAVE A NEW RELEASE, IT'D INSTANTLY BECOME THE BEST SELLER, RIGHT?
HEY, DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME—— OF COURSE I KNOW WHO THEY ARE!
HE HAPPENS TO BE THE LEAD VOCALIST OF "K-AREA".
THE GUY YOU THREW THE WIPECLOTH AT JUST NOW,
WHAT??
I DON'T HAVE A TV AT HOME—
Only a radio
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
COULD I HAVE
KOJI AND KATSUMI WERE RIGHT THERE NEXT TO HIM TOO!
They've a live performance today
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I SAW THEM IN PERSON...
Even though I listen to their songs...
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE AT ALL?

KYAAAAAAAAAA
I MIGHT HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN MYSELF IN TROUBLE WITHOUT KNOWING...
I WAS SO HOPING THE GIRLS WERE WRONG 'BOUT THIS...
CRUMBLES
THAT'S REALLY HIM——!!
REALLY...
Came here to see for himself.

EVEN THOUGH
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I GET TO SEE HIM IN PERSON..
BUT HE IS SO CHARISMATIC!!!
If only I have a TV
ROCK BAND "K-AREA"
BAND MEMBERS ARE KYOYA, KOJI AND KATSUMI
EVER SINCE THEIR SONG'S BEEN CHOSEN AS THE OPENING THEME FOR A DRAMA SERIES
THEIR RECORD SALES AND POPULARITY SKY ROCKETED. THEY ARE THE HOTTEST BAND NOW AND RICH WITH TALENTS
KYOYA - TAKASHIRO KYOYA HE IS "K-AREA"'S LEADER AND VOCALIST. HIS BROTHER IS THE FAMOUS SONG-WRITER TAKASHIRO KIYOCHIKA, AND HIS FATHER IS THE BOSS OF A LARGE BROKERAGE FIRM
HE SURE IS THE ELITE OF THE MAIN-STREAM MUSIC INDUSTRY
Talking
IF HE WASN'T ANGRY ABOUT WHAT I HAVE DONE, THEN HE MUST HAVE A PROBLEM.
HE'D DEFINITELY BE REALLY UPSET! AND HE SHOULD BE————...
DARN...

But he was at fault too
MAYBE I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO WORK HERE...
AH! I'M DOOMED...
I suppose
THEN I'D PROBABLY HAVE NO CHANCE IN BECOMING A SONGWRITER!
IF I PISSED OFF SOMEONE LIKE HIM,
THAT SONG HE WAS SINGING SOUNDED GOOD...
It's a new one!
MY DREAM———
ON AIR
B
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK TODAY!
SINGING ...?
♪
EVERYONE, WE'LL CONTINUE THE RECORDING IN 20 MINUTES,
SO PLEASE HURRY UP.
GOT IT!

STARTLED
YOU!
TAKASHIRO ...TAKASHIRO KYOYA?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
OH...
WE JUST FINISHED OUR LIVE SHOW.
YOU WERE JUST SINGING OUR NEW SONG?
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THAT...
HAVE YOU LEARNED THE PIANO OR SOME OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS...?
YOU KNOW HOW TO SING IT AFTER LISTENING TO IT ONCE. SO DO YOU PLAY MUSIC?

I KNEW YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED
HMPH
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN MISTAKEN AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE THE SAME AGE AS I AM?
WELL..
I PROBABLY DON'T LOOK LIKE IT,
BUT I'M A THIRD-YEAR MUSIC STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY!
That's too much!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT!
AH... THAT'S RIGHT..
EH
HOW COULD A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BE WORKING AT A TELEVISION STUDIO, ANYWAY!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOUR EYES?
Chuckle
YOU'RE AN INTERESTING ONE..
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS? TELL ME!
It's true!
YOU GET ANGRY EASILY!

THAT LUMP
EXCUSE ME,
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
WHAT?
DAMN!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
SHOCK
OR KATSUMI WILL KILL ME!
DAMN! I'VE GOT TO GO NOW,
THAT SCARED ME! SO SUDDEN
I DON'T HAVE ANY DAYS OFF THIS WEEK...
EH? AH..
THAT'S GREAT!
HEY!
ARE YOU COMING TOMORROW?
GOT TO GO NOW—!
SLAM

I DON'T KNOW HOW THESE CELEBRITIES THINK.
BUT, HE'S NOT ANGRY.
Really?
SEE YOU TOMORROW...
THEN LET'S MEET AGAIN TOMORROW!
BYE!
AH! I FORGOT TO ASK HIS NAME.
THIS IS GREAT...
KYAAAAAA
OH! HERE THEY GO AGAIN!!
UWAH!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS WEIRD SOUND?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD IT BEFORE?
THESE FANGIRLS ARE WAITING FOR "K-ARE."!
AAAA

"K-AREA"
ARE YOU COMING TOMORROW?
DA THUMP
GOOD MORNING!
PU
It's yesterday's
KOJI!
WHY AM I BEING SO NERVOUS?
AH!
IT'S MUTSUKI!
YOU... GOOD MORNING...
JUST LIKE A MODEL...NO MATTER WHAT HE WEARS, HE LOOKS GOOD
Being a celebrity is different after all
HAVEN'T YOU DONE IT TODAY?
WHAT?
CRASHING INTO PEOPLE AND FALLING!
YOU ALL SAW THAT YESTERDAY?
Gyahahaha

NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU LOOK,
IT'S ALL RUINED IF YOUR PERSONALITY'S HORRID!
AH?
WE ONLY MET YESTERDAY.
AND IN THE WORST POSSIBLE WAY, TOO!
As bad as throwing a wipecloth in his face
THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
YOU'VE CAUGHT KYOYA'S ATTENTION.
IS THAT SO?
I THINK HE LIKES YOU.
KYOYA CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT.
DIDN'T HE JUST CALL YOUR NAME?
HMMM...
NISHINA MUTSUKI!
WHAT!
That hurts!
SMACK
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
EH...
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE KNOWS MY NAME.
WE HAVE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS IN FULL STRENGTH!! HAHA!!
TOTALLY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

AH WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN..
YOU KNOW, JUST NOW, WE BUMPED INTO KYOYA,
AND HE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU!
Even that's so handsome too
USUALLY WHEN WE GREET HIM, HE'LL ONLY RESPOND WITH A SMILE...
BUT THEN TODAY, HE ACTUALLY STARTED THE CONVERSATION!
AND... WHAT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
OF COURSE WE TOLD HIM EVERYTHING WE KNOW ABOUT YOU!
Ah! He even shook hands with us ♥
THAT BRAT... WHAT EXACTLY IS HE PLOTTING...
Hee!
I THINK HE LIKES YOU!
BUT I NEVER DID
ANYTHING THAT REMOTELY PLEASES HIM!
IN FACT, I ONLY DID THINGS THAT WOULD ANNOY HIM
HOW COULD HE...

CLICK
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
EH? THE REHEARSALS ENDED, SO...
I DON'T MEAN THAT!
AH!
SO YOU'RE REALLY HERE.
FORGET IT!
?
CHEW CHEW
STARE
CLATTER CLATTER
DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SONGWRITER?
MUTSUKI...
WH... WHAT?

AH! YOU'RE GETTING REALLY GOOD AT FALLING
BE QUIET! I HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN GOING AROUND ASKING ABOUT ME, IS THAT RIGHT?
EVEN MY NAME...
PLEASE STOP DOING THAT!
OH! PEOPLE FROM THE TV STATION TOLD ME YOUR NAME
YOU'RE NOT SOME KIND OF COP!
WHY?
CAN'T I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PERSON I LIKE...
IS THAT BAD?
HUH?
TWA-DUMM
I'VE NEVER MET SUCH AN INTERESTING PERSON LIKE YOU
SO YOU'RE JUST CURIOUS!

I WAS RIGHT!
TO HIM, I'M JUST AN OBJECT OF CURIOSITY.
THEN I WON'T ASK AROUND ANYMORE. YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SONG-WRITER, INSTEAD OF A SINGER?
I THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD VOICE.
EVEN IF IT'S THAT,
WHY AM I SO UPSET?
IF SOMEONE WITH THICK GLASSES LIKE ME BECAME A SINGER, WOULDN'T THAT BE RIDICULOUS?
Is actually delighted
EH? I THINK BEING A SINGER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS LOOKS.
ANY-WAYS MUTSUKI,
I THINK YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
WHAT DOES THIS GUY THINK HE'S SAYING?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
You were the one who said that I should point it out!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND CONVINCING AT ALL!

A SPECIAL SOMEONE?
I WANTED TO WRITE SONGS ALL BECAUSE OF A SPECIAL SOMEONE.
AH! YOU'RE REALLY ANNOYING! I GIVE UP! I CONFESS!
WHAT? I'M SERIOUS.
I KEPT FEELING THAT THERE WAS NO GOD, AND I HATED THE WORLD.
AND MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS A CHILD, SO I WAS LEFT WITH NO ONE!
3 YEARS AGO, I LOST MY FATHER IN AN ACCIDENT.
IT WAS AT THAT TIME, I HEARD HIS SINGING...
I WAS SO MOVED.
I NEVER SAW WHO IT WAS BUT THAT MADE ME REALIZE THAT THERE ARE STILL BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THIS WORLD.

I DECIDED TO WORK UP THE COURAGE TO LIVE ON.
TO BE ABLE TO MEET "HIM", WOULD BE THE MIRACLE IN MY LIFE——
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO HE WAS, OR WHERE HE IS NOW,
I STILL HOPE THAT ONE DAY, HE CAN SING THE SONGS THAT I WROTE.
ALRIGHT! GO AHEAD AND SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT!
MY MOTIVES FOR SONG-WRITING ISN'T THAT PURE ANYWAY!
EH? WHY NOT?
THIS IS PURER THAN ANYTHING ELSE!
I STUMBLED UNWITTINGLY INTO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY SIMPLY BECAUSE MY FAMILY ARE IN THIS FIELD..
THEREFORE, I REALLY ADMIRE WHAT YOU ARE DOING,
SO WORK HARD!
WHAT...
AH...
THANK... THANK YOU...

AND HIS WORDS,
WHY DID I TELL THAT TO KYOYA?
WHY WOULD THEY LIGHTEN MY HEART? I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND...
I JUST THINK HE'S AN ODD ONE, FOR NOT GETTING ANGRY AFTER THE WIPECLOTH LANDED ON HIS FACE
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T REALLY SEE HIM AS A CELEBRITY
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SOMEONE LIKE HIM IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYONE DELIRIOUS
BUT, NO MATTER WHAT, IT IS, HE'S A PRETTY BIG STAR
DEAR GOD...
CAN I REALLY BELIEVE IN YOU? DO YOU EXIST?
CAN I BELIEVE IN YOU? I HOPE SO—

THEN PLEASE SWEEP THE STAIRCASES NEXT.
ALRIGHT.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, MUTSUKI?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO STEADY ON YOUR FEET..
WOBBLING
WOBBLING
I MANAGED TO FINISH THE SONG BUT THEN NOT BEING ABLE TO GET SOME SLEEP ISN'T GOOD.
I JUST HAVEN'T SLEPT ENOUGH.
IT'S NOTHING! I'M ALRIGHT.
BUT YESTERDAY I WAS STRUCK WITH AN INSPIRATION...
DID YOU WRITE THIS SONG?

WHO ARE YOU?
AH! I'M SORRY, I SCARED YOU.
IT'S BECAUSE THE SONG WAS TOO GOOD.
OUR BAND IS WORKING ON OUR NEXT CD, IF POSSIBLE,
WOULD YOU LET US HAVE THAT SONG?
EH?
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

MUTSUKI
THAT'S AN EARTH-SHATTERING FALL YOU HAVE TODAY!
YES! ALL THANKS TO YOU.
Let me say this first I'm always going to be falling on my face partially because of my poor eyesight
WA HA HA
SAY WHAT YOU WANT.
RIGHT NOW I'M IN A VERY GOOD MOOD!
AREN'T YOU ANGRY?

I WANT TO KNOW! I WANT TO KNOW!
TELL ME!
IF YOU MUST KNOW,
I'LL TELL YOU.
REALLY? I SEE.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS SCOUTED BY A BAND!
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!
I'm so lucky
AH! GOD DOES EXIST IN THIS WORLD!
HE ASKED ME WHETHER I'D LET HIM SING IT.
I FINISHED THAT SONG LAST WEEK
WELL THEN
REALLY?
WHICH COMPANY IS HE FROM?
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

EH?
HE'S NOT FROM A PARTICULAR COMPANY. HE'S THE LEAD VOCALIST OF SQUARE.
HE SAID THEY ARE WORKING ON THEIR NEXT CD...
THEN, WHICH RECORD LABEL IS HE FROM?
WELL...
MUTSUKI, I THINK...
YOU'D BETTER REJECT HIS OFFER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LOOK!
HE DOESN'T EVEN TELL YOU WHICH RECORD LABEL HE'S FROM. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD THE INTENTION TO TRICK YOU!

I THINK HE WASN'T LYING ABOUT RELEASING THE CD,
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T CARE FOR HIS ANSWER ANYWAY...
BUT IT'S LIKELY THAT HE IS UNDER PRESSURE TO PRODUCE NEW SONGS, AND PROBABLY HE COULDN'T, SO HE WAS WONDERING WHAT TO DO
AND HE INTRODUCED HIS BAND MEMBERS TO ME ALREADY!
AND COINCIDENTALLY, HE HEARD YOUR SONG, SO HE DECIDES TO TAKE IT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE REASON IS...
IT'S A FACT THAT MY SONG WAS PICKED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! WHY ARE YOU BEING THE WET BLANKET?
IF THEY CREDIT YOU AS THE SONGWRITER, THEN IT'S ALRIGHT...
BUT HAVE YOU EVER CONTEMPLATED THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM NOT USING YOUR NAME?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
CAN'T YOU BE HAPPY FOR SOMEONE ELSE?
WHAT...

YOU MAY BE A GOOD PERSON, BUT AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE DEFINITELY AN IDIOT.
WHAT!
EVEN IF YOU AREN'T A PROFESSIONAL,
IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE TO HAVE THIS KIND OF SUSPICION
ARE YOU REALLY 21 YEARS OLD?
NEVERMIND! I WON'T SAY ANYMORE, BUT YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP!
WHA...
KYOYA! TIME TO GET READY!
WHAT!
WHAT IS THIS! WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO SAY THOSE THINGS TO ME?

IS THAT WHAT A 21 YEAR OLD WOULD SAY TO ANYONE ELSE?
YOU'RE THE KID HERE!
AND NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME TO GIVE UP AS WELL?
YOU TREAT ME LIKE A KID, AND THEN YOU CALL ME AN IDIOT.
——I BELIEVE THAT IN THIS WORLD——
——NO ONE WILL DO SUCH A THING——
I BELIEVE THAT EVEN WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO WRITE NEW SONGS,
BESIDES,
A MUSICIAN WOULD NEVER STOOP SO LOW,
TO STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S CREATION.
YOU HAD JUST ENCOURAGED ME,
NOW YOU WANT ME TO GIVE UP!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT GUY IS THINKING!

"NEXT UP, YOU JUST HAVE TO HAND IT OVER TO US."
SIGH
HOW LONG HAD IT BEEN SINCE WE LAST TALKED ABOUT IT?
YOU LOOKED SO TIRED EVEN WHEN YOU TRIP...
HISS
You!
ARE THINGS GOING OK? HOW DID IT TURN OUT?
IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT, RIGHT?
?
We have up next a new band's latest single.
Introducing...
CRASH CLATTER

EH?
THIS... THIS IS MY SONG...
New single coming out this month from Square
This song was both written
and sung by the lead vocalist Kikuchi——
What's wrong?
I FINALLY FOUND YOU!

TRY MAKING ME UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
EH? WHAT?
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU STOLE MY SONG,
AND YOU'RE PRETENDING THAT NOTHING HAPPENED?
HEY! HEY! STOP SAYING SUCH NONSENSE.
YOU SAID I STOLE YOUR SONG
WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE?
!
YOU!
YOU'RE SO SHAMELESS!
STOP IT! MUTSUKI!

SLAP
GASP
KYOYA?
Why
LET GO OF ME!
NO!
IF YOU THROW THE FIRST PUNCH YOU'VE LOST!
MUTSUKI!
SLAP!
WHAT!
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
HE WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO GET HIMSELF INTO THIS!

GRAB
UH... AH...
IF YOU EVER DARE DO SUCH A THING AGAIN,
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STICK AROUND
COUGH
COUGH
THEN AGAIN—
SONG-STEALING THIEVES LIKE YOU,
EVEN WITHOUT MY "HELP",
YOU PEOPLE WON'T LAST LONG IN THIS FIELD.

MUTSUKI!
IT ALL TURNED OUT AS YOU PREDICTED ..
BECAUSE HE TRUSTED SOMEONE COMPLETELY...
IF I HAD INSIST YOU PUT A STOP TO IT,
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED...
THAT IS WHY HE HAS TO CONTEND WITH THE HURT OF BETRAYAL.
I'M SORRY...
MUTSUKI IS SO NAIVE...
BUT I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND...
HOW COULD HE JUST CLAIM TO OWN A SONG THAT ISN'T HIS?
THAT WAS HIS BAND, HIS OWN BAND!
DON'T APOLOGIZE!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF MY STUPIDITY!

WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME HAD MADE ME UNDERSTAND
THAT I'M NOT SUITABLE FOR THIS WORLD
SO YOU ARE GONNA GIVE UP?
JUST BECAUSE OF ONE SETBACK?
WANTING TO BECOME A SONGWRITER WAS MERELY A CRAZY DREAM!
THAT'S WAY TOO SOON, MUTSUKI...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!
WHEN I LOST MY PARENTS,
I KEPT TELLING MYSELF THAT I COULD FIGHT AND LIVE ON, BUT THEN? THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS!!
THERE IS NO GOD IN THIS WORLD!
IF THERE IS A GOD,
THEN HE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN ME...
A BETTER LIFE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE. IT'S UNIQUELY YOURS.
HOW YOU LIVE IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS 'A BETTER LIFE' IN THIS WORLD.
YOU... YOU WOULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!
YOU HAVE A PATHED ENTRANCE INTO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW TOO WELL,
AND YOU'VE NEVER EVEN HIT A SNAG BEFORE.
THIS IS YOUR LIFE.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO SUCCEEDED SO SMOOTHLY WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!
THAT I SHOULD NEVER SAY THESE THINGS

YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL AT ALL!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I GOT INTO THIS CAREER UNWITTINGLY. BUT...
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT I'M DOING
I GIVE IT MY BEST AT ALL TIMES.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO CHIEVE,
THEN I THINK I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT TILL THE END...

HE WAS BORN WITH PRETTY FACE. HE HAS THE CHARM OF CELEBRITY.
DID HE REALLY WORK HARD FOR ALL OF THAT?
DOES HE STILL NEED TO WORK HARD?
ALWAYS SERIOUS
GIVE IT MY BEST AT ALL TIMES
HAS SOMEONE LIKE KYOYA...
EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP?
EXCUSE ME... WHAT'S GOING ON?
DASH
YES!
GET THE DOCTOR NOW!
HURRY! HURRY!

EVEN IF WE TRY, HE PROBABLY WON'T LISTEN!
HE'S A REAL PROFES-SIONAL!
WITH SUCH A FEVER, HE STILL WANTS TO PROCEED WITH THE SHOW?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! WHY DOESN'T ANYONE STOP HIM?
Yeah
THAT'D BE RATHER IMPOSSIBLE...
EH...
OH! IT'S KYOYA! HIS FEVER IS BURNING UP TO 39 DEGREES,
YET HE INSISTS ON GETTING ON WITH THIS LIVE SHOW!
This is a difficult situation!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
THIS MUST BE...
SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE!

THAT'S JUST NOT SOMETHING DO-ABLE!
On Air
Rehearsal
HE'S SMILING
IF IT WASN'T FROM HIS HEART—
YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL.
THAT'S HE HAVING SUCH A HIGH FEVER
THIS IS HIM, BEING A PROFESSIONAL SINGER.
KYOYA'S PRIDE...
AND HIS SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

EXCUSE ME...
HOW COULD I SAY THAT HE NEVER WORKED HARD?
YES?
WAS KYOYA HOSPITALIZED BEFORE?
WHY DID I START ASKING THIS..
EH?
OH! SINCE YOU MENTIONED IT... YES, HE WAS!
IT WAS ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO— HE STAYED THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME!
BACK THEN THERE WERE A LOT OF NASTY RUMOURS GOING AROUND.
IN ADDITION TO THE STRESS AND EXHAUSTION, HE COLLAPSED.
WHY HAVEN'T I REALIZED IT?
BECAUSE HE ALWAYS WORKED HARD AT EVERYTHING
He is a perfectionist

THAT WAS HIM——
IF I SANG IN THE HOSPITAL I'D GET YELLED AT...
WHY ARE YOU SINGING IN SUCH A COLD PLACE?
WELL, THEY TOLD ME I SHOULD STAY QUIET,
BUT IF I DON'T SING MY VOICE WILL GET RUSTY!
OK!
RUN THE COMMERCIALS!
Shock
KYOYA!
KYOYA! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

ARE YOU MOVED? WAS IT MOVING?
uwahahaha
HOW COULD YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT?
BUT IF THAT'S IT...
ARE YOU GOING TO START WRITING SONGS AGAIN?
I REALLY WANT TO SING THEM!
I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD REGAIN MY COURAGE——
YEAH.
——HUMANS... HOW STRONG ARE THEY...?

RATHER THAN HAVING TO TELL YOU,
IT'D BE BETTER TO LET YOU REMEMBER IT BY YOURELF——
HOW DEEPLY MOVED YOU WERE BACK THEN, WHEN WE FIRST MET.
KYOYA.
MUTSUKI.
YOU WERE THE ONE FROM 3 YEARS AGO ..?
AH!
YOU REMEMBERED?
YOU KNEW ALREADY!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
CAUSE YOU NEVER ASKED!
AH! NO...
I KNEW IT WHEN WE MET, BUT YOU SEEMED TO HAVE FORGOTTEN..
THAT'S YOUR REASON?

ARE YOU HUMAN?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
AH! WERE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?
ALL MY WORRIES FOR NOTHING!
Ah
AND NOW YOU'RE BACK AND ALL READY TO WORK!
YOU WERE BURNING UP TO 40 DEGREES YESTERDAY,
I ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE NOT HUMAN,
SO WHY SHOULD I BE WORRIED?
SO NORMAL MEDICINE DOESN'T WORK
HE REALLY ISN'T HUMAN.
I HAVE DOZENS OF ANTIBODIES IN MY BODY.
THAT'S TRUE
I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS

AH! IT'S SNOWING
EXACTLY 3 YEARS AGO,
LATELY I'VE BEEN THINKING
WE MET EACH OTHER.
Snicker
WHAT? Have you gone nuts?
NO. I WAS JUST THINKING...
THAT MEMORY WAS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU...
SO WHAT!
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT A HORRIBLE PERSON YOU ARE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE!
HUMPH
KYOYA, THE ONE WHO GAVE ME THE STRENGTH TO GET BACK ON MY FEET.
IT IS A SHEER MIRACLE THAT WE GET TO MEET AGAIN.

◆Snow Snow Melody／E N D◆

MUTSUKI,
YOU HAVE A HAPPY LOOK ON YOUR FACE WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?
SNATCH!
"SYSTEM"'S NEWEST SINGLE ♥
IT WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY.
I REALLY LIKE THIS SONG!
THE LEAD VOCALIST IS REALLY GOOD
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A GUY HIS VOICE IS REALLY CLEAR WHAT DO YOU THINK KYOYA?
IT'S A WEIRD VOICE.
I HATE YOU!
RATTLE
POINTLESS SONG.

SMACK
HEY! WAKE UP!
So he's here indeed
Hey!
WHAT DID YOU DO THIS TIME, KYOYA?
DASH
OUCH!
WHY IS THAT WHEN MUTSUKI MENTIONED HE LIKED THEM, I...
I DON'T DISLIKE "SYSTEM"!
WHY DID I SAY THAT?
EH THAT'S ODD
JEALOUSY.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
THIS IS CALLED
KYOYA YOU BASTARD! I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! GO TO HELL! BASTARD!
Mutsuki
YOU GUYS STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!
KYOYA, DON'T YOU THINK THIS TWISTED, INDIRECT DISPLAY OF EMOTIONS ISN'T TOO GOOD?
IS IT?

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WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM A BIT SPACEY
KYOYA
MUTSUKI
WELL... TOMORROW'S THE RELEASE DAY...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING! YOU SANG THE SONG I WROTE...
AND IT EVEN GOT PUBLISHED INTO CDS
I'M SO WORRIED!
EVEN WITH "K-ARE-A"'S NAME, I WONDER IF IT WILL MAKE IT INTO THE CHARTS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
EH?
BUT THIS TIME YOU DIDN'T WRITE THE SONGS!
IT WILL SELL!
IT'S GOING TO BE NUMBER ONE!

I SHOULD KNOW, I'M ALSO A FAN!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE YOUR SONGS ARE REALLY GOOD!
I JUST KNOW IT WILL SELL
THAT'S WHY I RELEASED IT
HE SAYS WHATEVER HE HAS IN MIND.
THERE ISN'T ANY FABRICATION IN THOSE WORDS.

YEAH!
THIS PERSON DOESN'T LIE.
A WEEK AFTER THE INITIAL RELEASE, 120,000 COPIES WERE SOLD
"K-AREA"'S SINGLE WENT ON SALE THE NEXT DAY, TOPPING THE CHARTS AT NO.1
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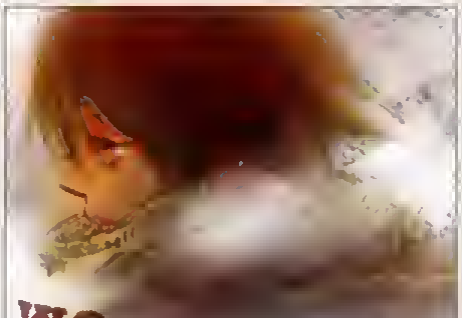

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CHAPTER 3: DON'T WORRY BABY

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Don't worry Baby

1-A
IT'S SOMEONE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL!
WOW! HE'S HANDSOME! WHO'S HE?
HMM AH
1-A
IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR CLASS NAMED TSUTOMU MIZUKURA?
TSUTOMU MIZUKURA? YES
CAN YOU CALL HIM OUT FOR ME?
OKAY! ALRIGHT!
I WONDER WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE?

I SEE
THIS IS PRETTY HIGH-QUALITY
HEH HEH HEH
I AM.
TSUTOMU MIZUKURA.
EXCUSE ME
NERVOUS
BUT DID YOU NEED ME FOR ANYTHING?
WAAAH!
NOPE
DON'T BE SO AFRAID OF ME!
I'M TAKAYA KUREBAYASHI FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, 3RD YEAR
I'M WATARU MIZUKURA'S FRIEND YOU KNOW?
Don't be afraid.
Waves
SPARKLES
BROTHER'S.

YOUR BROTHER...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BUT HE SEEMS TO BE VERY HAPPY EVER SINCE SCHOOL STARTED
SO I ASKED HIM WHY...
MEH HEH!
YOU WANT TO KNOW?
MY REALLY CUTE BROTHER IS STARTING JUNIOR HIGH.
YOU'LL SEE THAT HE'S REALLY CUTE
BUT I WON'T LET YOU SEE HIM.
BROTHER SAID THAT...
BECAUSE HE SAID HE WOULDN'T LET ME
I WANTED TO SEE YOU EVEN MORE!
BROTHER EXAGGERATION!
NOT AT ALL!

NO WONDER HE WAS SO PROUD
HUH?
NOTHING
RIGHT NOW I'M THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL SO I'M THE VICE-PRESIDENT
BUT YOUR BROTHER IS REALLY AUTHORITATIVE
SO THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL CALL HIM THE EVIL PRESIDENT
AH HAH HAH!
REALLY?
eerie
get a film club!
YOU LOOK REALLY NICE WHEN YOU SMILE
DO YOU WANT TO WALK HOME WITH ME TODAY?
smile
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT ALL THE NASTY THINGS YOUR BROTHER DID WHILE IN SCHOOL
cheek
SURE!

DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
I'M BACK
TSUTOMU!
WHY ARE YOU SO LATE? I WAS SO WORRIED!
GR
AB
I WAS EVEN GOING TO CALL THE POLICE!
I'M SORRY!
TAKAYA-SENPAI WALKED WITH ME ON MY WAY HOME
BUT I'M ALRIGHT!
WHAT...!?

YOU'VE MET THAT TAKAYA GUY ALREADY?
ANNOYED
TSUTOMU!
AH!
THAT BRAT~~~~~~
YEAH!
WHAT WAS HE THINKING?!
DID HE DO ANYTHING TO YOU?
AVOID THAT MAN AT ALL COSTS!
HE'S A VERY INTERESTING GUY!
DO WHAT?
ah ha ha
WHICH PART OF HIM IS INTER-ESTING?

BROTHER, I THOUGHT YOU TWO HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
STILL HE...
HE'S CLUMSY AND STUPID AND ALSO THE WORST KIND OF MAN THERE IS!
WHY?
HMM —?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD BROTHER CRITICIZING SOMEONE IN SUCH A WAY.

DEATH GLARE
SCARY!
IN A BAD MOOD ALREADY THIS EARLY?
YAHOO---- WATARU!
OF COURSE I'M INTERESTED!
AH! HE'S REALLY CUTE!
YOU BASTARD WHY DID YOU GO BOTHER TSUTOMU?
OH MY! HE REALLY IS VERY CUTE!
BAM
I WON'T LET YOU NEAR HIM ANYMORE!

WHY ARE YOU STUDYING SO HARD IN THE MORNING?
WHY BOTHER IF IT'S SO TOUGH?
STAY OUT OF MY BUSINESS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YUP
ALL YOU EVER DO IS STUDY
YOU'RE QUITE POPULAR AMONG THE GIRLS YET YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
ANY-WAYS,
IT'S NOT WRONG TO SPEND A BIT MORE TIME ON DATING CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND YOUR HOBBIES!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DO THAT!
YOU'RE SO NOISY
HOUSEHOLD CHORES THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND MY STUDIES ARE ENOUGH TO KEEP ME BUSY
I HAVE LOTS TO DO AT HOME SO I CAN ONLY STUDY WHEN I'M IN SCHOOL

ANNOYED
IS STUDYING REALLY SO IMPORTANT?
YES! IT IS
IN ORDER TO GET INTO A GOOD UNIVERSITY, OF COURSE
WHY DO YOU INSIST ON GETTING INTO A GOOD UNIVERSITY?
I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHY!
OF COURSE YOU NEED TO!
IT'S FOR MY BROTHER.

TSUTOMU...
DOESN'T KNOW THE WARMTH OF A FAMILY.
POOR KID.
MY PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS LITTLE
HE LOST HIS PARENTS WHEN HE NEEDED THEM THE MOST
"BROTHER! I'M SCARED!"
"TSUTOMU CAN'T BE AFRAID!"
"I'M RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE!"
EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS LEFT US ENOUGH MONEY-
SO I HAVE TO BE SOMEONE WHO ACHIEVES SOMETHING
I DON'T WANT HIM TO FEEL INCOMPLETE.
I PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR LIFE.
"I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE."

DOES HE NOT KNOW THAT THAT'S PITIFUL?
HE DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT HIMSELF
BUT THAT'S WATARU FOR YOU
YOU HAVE A BROTHER COMPLEX!
SHUT-UP!
THAT'S WHY-
I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY TIME ON DATING AND SUCH
WHAT?
THAT GUY...
HAS HE...
NOTICED MY FEELINGS FOR HIM...?
Can't really blame him though

HE'S JOKING WITH ME!
HNGH!
PRETENDING NOT TO KNOW
I'M NOT HAPPY
AH!
WHAT'S UP? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'VE BEEN DUMPED BY YOUR BROTHER, SO-
THE GARDEN BEHIND THE JUNIOR HIGH BUILDING IS BEST FOR AFTERNOON NAPS
T-IKUYI-SENPAI!
HEY

SENPAI
DO YOU LIKE MY BROTHER?
YES I DO!
BUT IF MY RIVAL WAS YOU THEN I DON'T STAND A CHANCE
ha ha ha

FOR ME,
MY BROTHER IS ALL I HAVE.
BUT I
WELL...
TAKAYA-SENPAI,
BROTHER
YES?
I...
I THINK I LIKE TAKAYA-SENPAI...

WHAT
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
IS THAT TRUE?
Clatter
I WON'T ALLOW THAT! NO WAY! NO WAY IN HELL!
WHY?
I WILL NOT ALLOW THAT!
JUST NOT THAT GUY
NO!
WHY
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
WHY ?
BROTHER?

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE THAT GUY?!
WHY NOT ME?
grab
COMPARE ME TO HIM, DO YOU STILL LIKE HIM BETTER?
BROTHER
"MY FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU AND TOWARDS SENPAI THEY ARE DIFFERENT."
crushed
MY FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU AND TOWARDS SENPAI...
THEY ARE DIFFERENT.
OF COURSE I LIKE YOU, BROTHER!
BUT THEN...
I UNDER-STAND
DAMN THAT GUY!
HOW DARE HE TAKE WHAT WAS MINE!
I WON'T SAY ANY MORE...
TAKAYA, THAT STUPID IDIOT!

TURNS
HUH?
WALKS AWAY
GLARES
YO!
WATARU
DID I DO?
WHAT
BUT LATELY RATHER THAN IGNORING ME... HE'S AVOIDING ME
AND...
NO!
HE USED TO IGNORE ME PRETTY OFTEN
LATELY,
WATARU'S ACTING WEIRD

I DON'T REMEMBER IF I'VE DONE SOMETHING TO HIM.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY HATES ME
I'M SENSING SOME SORT OF ENMITY HERE...
IF THAT'S IT, I'M GOING TO ASK HIM DIRECTLY, AND THEN I'M GOING TO FORGET HIM!
SENPAI...
BUMP
WATARU...
AWKWARD

TURNS
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE SAW US TOGETHER AND HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING?
TOUCH
WHAT AM I DOING?

I'VE DECIDED FOR TSUTOMU'S SAKE.
TO BACK OUT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP...
BUT
IT HURTS
BROTHER.
I FOUND YOU...
I'VE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU...
YES?

I
SQUEEZE
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
LIKE TAKAYA TOO
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MUCH I LIKED HIM...
AT FIRST I WAS STUNNED BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE SNATCHED YOU AWAY
I WANT TO BACK OUT,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T
BROTHER
RUSTLE
WATARU!
I'M SORRY
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN'T DO FOR YOU!

WATARU!
TAKAYA?
what are you doing here?
I LIKE YOU! I LIKE YOU!
I LOVE YOU!
I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED YOU!!
I'M SORRY BROTHER!
I SAID I LIKED SENPAI. BUT THAT'S JUST A LIE
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU THAT BEFORE?
WHAT?
WHY?
HOW COULD YOU BE HERE TOO.....?!
TAKAYA-SENPAI LIKES HIS AFTERNOON NAPS HERE!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
IF I HADN'T DONE THAT,
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE REALIZED HOW MUCH YOU LIKED SENPAI RIGHT?
AH! YOU COULD SAY THAT...
BROTHER DIDN'T PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO HIMSELF
WHAT!
BROTHER, I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO KNOW YOU LOVE ME SO MUCH
cries
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE YOUR HAPPINESS FOR ME, I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
TSU-TOMU
EVEN THOUGH MY BROTHER IS ALL I HAVE IN THIS WORLD...
I'M GIVING HIM TO TAKAYA-SENPAI NOW...
TAKAYA SENPAI...

THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
YES!
I WILL MISS BROTHER'S COMPANY AFTER HE LEFT.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
WATARU...
NO! WHO WOULD WANT THAT THING!
I'M HAPPY JUST TO BE WITH YOU!
WHO NEEDS TAKAYA?!
FORGET WHAT I SAID! YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT!
ATTRACTIVE ABOUT WATARU!
AFTER ALL EVEN THIS IS WHAT I FIND...
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT...
TAKAYA-SENPAI...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF BOTH OF YOU!
LET'S ALL LIVE HAPPILY TOGETHER!
I WILL ALWAYS
ALWAYS BE WITH YOU
SO DON'T WORRY
WAH
BROTHER!!
YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE CAPABLE OF THAT?

◆Don't Worry Baby／E N D◆

I AM TAKAYA KUREHAYASHI MY BIGGEST PRIDE IS
SOMEONE WITH BRAINS LOOKS AND A PERSONALITY THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, ALSO AN IDOL IN SCHOOL - WATARU MIZUKURA.
Don't worry Baby
番外篇
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT HIM!
WHAT ARE WE DOING? WHY DO WE HAVE TO SNEAK IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR...?
SHHH!
BE QUIET!
ALRIGHT! THERE'S NO ONE AROUND...
HUH?
NOW RUN! TAKAYA!

OUR HIGH SCHOOL TERM ENDS TODAY! AND YOU'RE STILL BEING SNEAKY...
TODAY'S VALENTINE'S DAY, YOU KNOW!
IF YOU WENT THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR, YOU'D GET LOTS OF CHOCOLATES!
boy's school
sorry seems like it's the wrong season
HEY! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
TURNS
IT'S THE SAME EVERY YEAR! IT'S SO ANNOYING!
IMPRESSIVE
SURE?
GEL!
CLATTER
THUD
THUD
CAN YOU REALLY PUT SO MANY IN A SCHOOLBAG?

I'M TOO LUCKY!
AND YET HE'S MY LOVER.
HE'S SO POPULAR INDEED.
SPEECHLESS
what's wrong with you?
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU CAN HAVE THEM IF YOU WANT
BUT..
YOU CAN HAVE THEM IF YOU WANT
WATARU!
IDIOT! I DON'T MEAN THAT
ID...
HE'S SO HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NOT MUCH PROGRESS
I'M SO HAPPY! YOU GAVE ME CHOCOLATE!
WAAAAAH!
WATARU MIZUKURA'S BROTHER TSUTOMU
IF YOU SYMPATHIZE WITH TSUTOMU
PLEASE TELL THE AUTHOR...
◆Don't worry Baby番外篇／END◆

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Difficult Love Journey

NO MATTER HOW MANY OBSTACLES AND DANGERS IT CREATES, IT AMOUNTS TO NOTHING IN THE END
BECAUSE JUST CASUALLY SAYING "LOVE" ON A WHIM
FEELS TOO CARELESS TO BE SOMETHING I CAN DO
SLAM
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON!
STOMP STOMP
FUJISAKI SHUHEI

AND WHEN YOU'RE IN HERE DON'T STOMP!
I TOLD YOU THAT OUTSIDERS ARE PROHIBITED HERE, HAVEN'T I?
DON'T SLAM THE GREEN-HOUSE DOOR WHEN YOU ENTER OR LEAVE.
AND YET YOU CAN STILL GET EXCELLENT RESULTS?
YOU'RE IN HERE EVERYDAY PLANTING FLOWERS.
WHY?
Oh!
WE'VE IMPROVED!
IT'S REALLY CLOSE THIS TIME...
YOU ARE 2ND, I'M 4TH.
YES
THE MID TERM RESULTS
ARE OUT ALREADY?

YOU'VE KNOWN IT FOR A LONG TIME, RIGHT? MY FEELINGS!
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU...
I'M TOO IMPATIENT!
I WANT TO SAY IT NOW!
COMING UP NEXT ARE THE PRACTICAL TESTS
WORK HARD!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR SO LONG!
IT'S COMING ALREADY!
WE DO WELL WHEN WE'RE MOTIVATED
IT'S GREATLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH OF US!
I DON'T CARE IF MY RESULTS IMPROVE!
ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO ME!
LISTEN TO ME!
ONLY IF YOUR SCORES BEAT MINE

I DON'T WANT TO
I LOVE-
SCATTER
HEAR THE REST.
.....

THE FLOWERS HAVE ALREADY BLOOMED!
HEY, EVERYONE CALLS YOU THE FLOWER PRINCESS.
THAT'S NOT VERY NICE, IS IT?
I ALREADY SAID THAT I'LL ONLY LISTEN IF YOU BEAT MY SCORES.
YOU'RE SO CRUEL!
WATARU! YOU'RE WON'T LET ME SAY IT!
HEY! SHOUHEI!
SO YOU WERE THERE!
HMPH!
IF IT'S SPORTS, I'M NOT CONFIDENT THAT I CAN BEAT YOU
NO
MAYBE SPORTS, ANYTHING WOULD--
SHALL WE CHANGE IT?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY!
YOU'RE THE SECRETARY OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND YOU'RE ALWAYS CULTIVATING THESE FLOWERS,
AND YET YOU GET THE 2ND PLACE SO EASILY HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BEAT THAT?!?

WATARU, WAIT FOR ME! WE'LL GO HOME TOGETHER.
Damn
AH WELL!
YOU SHOULDN'T DISTURB THE FLOWER PRINCESS ALL THE TIME!
SHUT UP! YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME?
THE TEACHER'S LOOKING FOR YOU, CLASS MONITOR!
WATARU IS SOMEONE WHO STICKS TO HIS MORAL VALUES
I'M SORRY, BUT I REALLY WANT YOU.
I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I LOVE YOU.
BUT EVEN IF I SAID IT, I'D JUST PRETEND THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

OF COURSE I DO...
slide
YOU'VE KNOWN IT FOR A LONG TIME, RIGHT?
MY FEELINGS
BOTH OF US...
THIS RELATIONSHIP IS NOT ONE OF MERELY FRIENDSHIP, BUT SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT...
I KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY
SO WHEN YOU GET SERIOUS
AND TELL ME THAT YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING TO ME...

IT WAS AN EMER-GENCY
I WAS FORCED TO COME UP WITH THOSE ODD CONDITIONS
IF YOU BEAT ME IN THE EXAMS, THEN I'LL LISTEN!
EH!?
IF I DO LISTEN TO HIM,
THEN I'M DONE FOR
SHOUHEI IS AN IDIOT!
HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT I WORK MY BUM OFF FOR MY STUDIES!
THAT WAS WHAT STARTED IT ALL
I WONDER IF I STILL HAVE THE WILL TO HIDE MY FEELINGS

IT ISN'T EASY FOR ME TO PUSH IT DOWN ...
SHOUHEI, YOU IDIOT!
AFTER THE FLOWERS,
THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM IS GRADUALLY TAKING ON A FRIENDLIER ATMOSPHERE.
THANK YOU, WATARU.
IT'S NOTHING, PRESIDENT.
ESPECIALLY FLOWERS FROM THE FLOWER PRINCESS
FLOWERS PLANTED BY PRETTY AND GENTLE PEOPLE TURN OUT LIKE THEIR OWNERS, DON'T THEY?
ESPECIALLY SINCE WATARU AND PRESIDENT MIZUKURA ARE THE FLOWERS OF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL.
HOW COULD THE PRESIDENT AND I.... BE PUT TOGETHER?
BESIDES, MY PERSONALITY'S NOT GOOD.
SMILE

I HAVE MY EYE ON WATARU ALREADY,
PLEASE DON'T FALL FOR HIM!
ID IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Ridiculous!
WAIT! WAIT!
SENPAI!
ENRAPTURED
SLAM
THEN WE SHOULD GO NOW!
Wait
Is that true?
What's up?
They look pretty close!
HEY! STOP SAYING SUCH WEIRD THINGS!
THEY'LL MISUNDERSTAND!

WATARU! DON'T SMILE AT ANYONE ELSE!
LEAN
SAY SOME-THING!
WHAT?
DON'T HAVE SUCH A CUTE EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE WHEN YOU'RE TALKING!
AND
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SUCH A SEDUCTIVE AURA ABOUT YOU,
THEY'LL START THINKING ABOUT YOU!
!!

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
OUCH
SLAP
DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS AGAIN!
YOU BASTARD!
I...
DON'T THINK SO!
DARN!
I WANT TO MAKE HIM MINE...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
THAT GUY
HE JUST WENT AHEAD AND SAID IT WITHOUT THINKING!
BUT EVEN MORE UNBELIEVABLE
IS THE FACT
THAT I WAS SO AFFECTED BY WHAT HE SAID!
NOW
IT'S GOING TO BE HARD STAYING BY HIS SIDE

OH..! SHOUHEI!
COME HERE! OVER HERE
HELLO EVERY-ONE
I'M HERE TO PLAY AGAIN..
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS HERE TO PLAY. HUH?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS IN YOUR NEW CLASS?
FUJISAKI SHOUHEI!
OF COURSE NOT!
I'M HERE FOR WATARU...
REALLY?
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!
THAT'S THAT'S RIGHT!

SIGH! ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TILL THE PRACTICAL EXAMS.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT OUR SCHOOL HAS WAY TOO MANY EXAMS!
THAT'S THE NORM, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S RIGHT! ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT.
BABUMP
THE TOP ACHIEVER FOR THIS EXAMS, WILL BE QUALIFIED TO GO ABROAD
ABROAD? That's the first I've heard
YEAH!
DON'T WE HAVE A SISTER SCHOOL IN AMERICA?
EH ——?
SHOUHEI, DID YOU STUDY?
OF COURSE.
I'M NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH...
STUPID! SHOUHEI AND WATARU'S RESULTS ARE EXCELLENT
YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF!
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT! I REMEMBER!
Be quiet, you

THEN I'D
WATARU?
IF I STUDIED ABROAD...
IF...
THAT'S NOT BAD! SHOUHEI, YOU SHOULD TRY YOUR LUCK!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
REALLY! YOU COWARD!
BE FREE OF SHOUHEI...!
I'll...
TRY AND SEE!
NO WAY! WATARU, YOU CAN'T GO!
Well... lonely without you...
OH!
WATARU
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

OF COURSE! IF IT'S YOU, THEN YOU CAN!
THAT'S WHY I SAID THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF YOU GO ABROAD, THEN WE'LL BE SEPARATING!
STOP
IT ISN'T EVEN DECIDED WHETHER I CAN GO ...
HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THAT?
IT'S REALLY THAT? OR IS IT ANOTHER EXCUSE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
SEEING HOW WELL I CAN DO ...
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO ESCAPE FROM ME?
DON'T TELL ME ...

YOU DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY,
AND NOW YOU WANT TO ESCAPE?
NO! THAT'S NOT IT!
THEN STOP RUNNING AWAY!
GIVE IT UP!
I'D NEVER DO THAT!
THUMP
I REALLY LIKE YOU!
BABUMP!

I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU.
squeeze
I'LL PRETEND I NEVER HEARD THAT!
WATARU!
WATARU
NO! LET GO!
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME!
I HEARD NOTHING!
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING!
I HEARD NOTHING!

WATARU...
AAAH!
MY HE D...
MMM
..
IT'S SO DIZZY...

WATARU
——
kss
MOVE
THIS
WATA-RU!
I'LL PRETEND IT NEVER HAP-PENED.

HE NEVER TOLD ME THAT HE LIKED
I MISSED KISS HIM
SO
IT NEVER HAPPENED
NOTHING HAPPENED
EVERYTHING IS STILL THE SAME...
sigh
KUREBA-YASHI-SENPAI...
YOU SEEM SO LETHAR-GIC
WHY ARE YOU SIGHING?
WHAT'S WRONG, SHOUHEI?

YOU AND MIZU-KURA-SENPAI BOTH GOING OUT, RIGHT?
AH... so you noticed
THAT'S WHY I SAID THERE'S NO POINT IN FALLING IN LOVE WITH ME
I HATE THOSE LOW-LEVEL JOKES!
YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL
SENPAI, HOW DID YOU HOOK SUCH AN AWESOME PERSON?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
Hook? We're not talking about fish
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND THEN SAY IT!
I... LIKE SOMEONE TOO HE'S IN OUR SCHOOL...

EVEN IF I WANT SO BADLY TO CONFESS TO HIM,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE'S CONSERVATIVE, MORALLY UPRIGHT, AND VERY STRICTLY PRINCIPLED
HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO LISTEN TO ME
BUT I KNOW THAT HE LIKES ME
SO I'M ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MAKE UP HIS MIND
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT HE WOULD SAY THAT HE WOULD LEAVE ME!
I'VE LOST ALL MY CONFIDENCE!
How dum it seems
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT I SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT,
CONTINUE BEING JUST FRIENDS.
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM.....
I UNDER-STAND,
I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE SAME THING, LOSING MY CONFIDENCE TOO
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU ARE THINKING FOR HIS SAKE,
BUT IN THE END IT BOILS DOWN TO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
REALLY?
PAT

WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
I SHOULD THINK ABOUT WHAT I WANT TO DO
COMPARED TO MORALS AND ALL THAT,
YOUR OWN VALUES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT
YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT'S YOUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION
AFTER THAT INCIDENT I HAVEN'T BEEN SHOUHEI IN THE LONGEST WHILE
UNTIL NOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN SHOUHEI WHO LOOKS FOR ME
WE WOULDN'T HAVE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER CASUALLY
YEAH
WE'RE NOT FROM THE SAME CLASS WE DON'T EVEN SHARE ANY LESSONS

I THOUGHT I WOULD RESUME WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE
OF COURSE!
I SAID SO MANY UNPLEASANT THINGS!
HE HATES ME AND HE'S LOST HIS INTEREST NOW
BUT NOW, HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.
WHETHER IT'S IN THE CLASSROOM, THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM OR THE GREENHOUSE,
HE WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE ALWAYS
BUT
I DIDN'T EVEN WORK HARD FOR IT
THAT'S RIGHT!
TOMORROW'S THE PRACTICAL EXAMS...
THESE FLOWERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL
THAT WAS WHAT SHOUHEI TOLD ME THE FIRST TIME WE MET.
IT HAPPENED LAST AUTUMN
HEEEY
SUCH A FOUL MOUTH, PRINCESS.
MOVE!
I HAVE NO TIME TO FOOL AROUND WITH YOU!

GRAB
DON'T OVEREACT!
YOU!
FWAP
DON'T TOUCH THE FLOWERS WITH YOUR DIRTY HANDS!
OW
YOU'RE AS CUTE AS THEY SAY,
STOP THAT!
AND YOU'RE EVEN CARRYING FLOWERS!
WHAT ?
THAT WOULD BE MY QUESTION
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
SO MANY OF YOU SURROUNDING ONLY ONE
OW!
THAT HURTS, THAT HURTS!
FLIP
AH?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!
KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF THIS!
CRACK
GRAB

I HAVE QUITE A FEW BELTS!
Smile
Ouch
SHALL WE GO FOR THE REAL THING, EVERYONE?
POINT IS WE'LL BE HURT BADLY
OR JUJITSU?
TAE-KWON-DO?
Such pretty flowers
IS IT KARATE?
BELTS!!
YOURS.
Once autumn arrives, weird pink stars open up.
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
FINE! WE'LL REMEMBER THIS!
AH! SUCH A PITY! THESE FLOWERS...
They're all spoiled
NO THANKS!
Who wants to remember you!
DID YOU PLANT THEM?
THESE FLOWERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!
They look a bit off though

That was three people you were talking to
ABACUS?
I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE EMPTY THREATS!
BESIDES, I DIDN'T LIE!
OH ABOUT THAT
I'M A SECOND BELT IN ABACUS METHOD
YES THANK YOU
WHAT BELT DO YOU HAVE?
THAT WAS GREAT!
Really?
You're a weird one
Haha
Three's Funny!
HE WAS THE FIRST
THE FIRST PERSON WHO TOLD ME MY FLOWERS WERE BEAUTIFUL
WAS HIM
WHO SAID SUCH A THING

WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME...
WHY AM I CRYING ?
EVEN IF I CRY NOW
WHY
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T TAKE BACK
DONG
DONG
DONG
PLEASE PUT DOWN YOUR PENS
PASS YOUR PAPERS UP FROM THE BACK
TIME'S UP!
Whew... we're finally done
I'm exhausted
What's the answer for the 2nd question?

FORGET IT IT'S OVER
SINCE WHATEVER'S DONE IS
CLICK
EVEN THOUGH I FILLED IN EVERY ANSWER STILL...
IT'S FINISHED
THE EXAMS ARE FINALLY OVER...
STEP
creak
DONE
SHOUHEI?!
HI!
YOU'RE SO LATE!

I MIGHT BEAT YOU THIS TIME!
THAT'S RIGHT! HOW DID YOU DO?
I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT!
DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME UP ALREADY? WHY ARE YOU...
WAIT... WAIT!
DIDN'T YOU...
WHY .. ?
AH?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT GIVING UP?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
YOU...
GIVING ME UP...
HOW COULD I GIVE YOU UP?

BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN COMING BY LATELY...
I WAS BUSY STUDYING
Awkward
I KNOW I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO,
BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN.
OH! ABOUT THAT!
SO I THOUGHT I'D JUST HAVE TO DO BETTER
SO I CAN STOP YOU FROM DOING SO.
THERE WASN'T MUCH TIME LEFT.
SO I STUDIED DURING BREAKS AND AFTER SCHOOL.
THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T COME LOOK FOR YOU.
thump
WELL, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR THAT MATTER TOO
BUT I...

I THOUGHT THAT...
WATARU
YOU HATED ME....
WHAT'S WRONG?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...
HATE YOU...?
—
THERE ISN'T ANY GUARANTEE IN ALL OF THIS!
WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TOMOR-ROW?
WHAT IF I LOST YOU...

WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT,
I START BELIEVING IN IT.
YOU'LL REGRET IT TOO
DON'T SAY IT SO DEFINITELY!
I WON'T DISAPPEAR! IT WON'T HAPPEN!
I WILL NOT...
REGRET THIS!
BELIEVE ME!
THAT'S RIGHT! SO WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME NOW?
I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH, WATARU!

I DON'T CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY, BUT I LIKE YOU ANYWAY...
NO MATTER HOW MANY OBSTACLES THERE ARE
AS LONG AS THERE IS LOVE THERE IS NO PROBLEM
HOW ABOUT YOU?
THIS WAY OF LOVING
IS SOMETHING THAT I WAS INCAPABLE OF DOING
BUT
ME ME TOO
BUT I FELL IN LOVE

I...
SHUTTING MYSELF IN A ROOM AND STUDYING MY BUTT OFF WAS RIGHT
LOOKS LIKE
I'M STILL AFRAID...
I JUST DON'T FEEL SECURE ABOUT THE FUTURE
I'M AFRAID TOO!
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!
EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT...
BUT I...
I DON'T CARE IF THAT HAPPENS.
I GUESS SO
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!

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YOU GOT THE FIRST PLACE
You can go abroad!
SHOUHEI,
WOW!
IN THE END...
TWO PEOPLE MUST GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS...
NO! YOU SHOULD GO, IT'S SUCH A RARE OPPORTUNITY...
Hem
WHY?
I CAN JUST REJECT THE OFFER!
turn

THIS IS A GOOD WAY FOR US TO...
SINCE WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER FOREVER,
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING FOR BOTH OF US
WATARU!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I WAS JUST PULLING YOUR LEG!
NO!
DON'T YOU TRUST ME?
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR IT.
I will! I will!
YOU HAVE TO REJECT IT!

TOGETHER, WE'LL TALK ABOUT AN UNSPEAKABLE LOVE

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KUREBAYASHI TAKAYA SENPAI!
I QUESTION YOUR SANITY FOR DOING THAT IN PUBLIC
That's so rude
AND YOU WON'T LEAVE US ALONE...
I Yo!
Why?
An Senpai
IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO CREATE THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE WITHOUT YOU DESTROYING IT!
Please don't play the fool
WHAT?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SPOIL IT ALL?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
SEN-PAI!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HARD I WORKED TO GET US TO THAT STEP!
HE'S GOT A SELF-PROFESSED TEMPER, IT'S HARD TO CALM HIM DOWN!
EVEN IF SOMETHING LITTLE HAPPENS, HE WON'T LET ME DO IT ANYMORE!
HE'S SO SPOILED.
AND SO ARRO-GANT!
WHAM
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

HE BRINGS HIS BROTHER EVERYWHERE! HE HAS A BROTHER-COMPLEX!
HE'S SPOILED AND IMMATURE.
THERE'S NO TEMPER LIKE MIZUKURA'S TEMPER!
THAT'S TOUGH
YOU'RE SO RIDICULOUS!
HOW COULD A KOUHAI BEAT HIS SENPAI?
YOU NEED TO ASK?
IS SENPAI AFRAID OF US PROGRESSING FASTER THAN BOTH OF YOU?
Don't tell me
STOP THERE!
AT LEAST YOU'VE SOME HOPE OVER THERE!
KABLAM POW
SHOUHEI! YOUR CLASS HASN'T SUBMITTED THEIR PLANS YET, WHERE IS IT?
THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IS COMING UP! GET YOUR ASS MOVING!
START MOVING! KUREBA-YASHI!
WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM?
Kurebayashi
SEN-PAI?
WATA-RU?
You are sad, Hiro-kun
BOTH OF THEM ...
HAVE BAD TEMP-ERS.
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
THESE TWO PAIRS OF LOVERS STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO!
How embarrassing
「Don't Worry Baby」
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END

「我們曾經深愛過」小短篇

BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S SO CLEAR!
WAH~
WHAT! THIS IS A PHOTO OF YUKIHISA-SENSEI?
THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN WHEN HE WAS IN THE CLUB.
YUKIHISA-SENSEI DABBLED IN ARCHERY BEFORE.
W..W!
Awesome!
TA-DA!
Dum dum
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING THAT WAY?
WHAT ... IS THIS?
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
THERE'S MORE OF THESE!

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／END◆

beautiful soup
how beautiful is your soup?
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